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Report Highlights:

The European Commission published a guide providing an overview of all the import rules for live animals, meat and meat products.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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The full text of the Commission's guidance document intended for third country national authorities on the rules to be followed for the imports into the EU of live animals and animal products is available from:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/inspections/special_topics/guide_thirdcountries_en.pdf. The document consists of two main parts: the text part describes the general principles governing imports and the annex provides an overview of the references to the relevant legislation. The document does not provide specific information for countries with which veterinary equivalency agreements have been concluded such as the U.S., but provides a useful overview of the myriad of regulations in the veterinary field.

In the general text part, the following items in the third country of origin are addressed.

- ! the animal health situation
- ! residue controls
- ! national authority standards
- ! food safety standards in processing establishments
- ! BSE-related import controls
- ! health certification
- ! country approval procedure

References to the relevant legislation is given in the annex. An overview is given below.

- ! General legislation
- ! Materials in contact with foodstuffs
- ! Provisional lists of approved third countries and establishments
- ! Residue and contaminant controls
- ! Health controls and certification requirements for animal products
 - " Egg products
 - " Fish and fishery products
 - " Fresh meat (mammalian)
 - " Farmed game meat and rabbit meat
 - " Wild game meat
 - " Game trophies
 - " Meat Products
 - " Milk and milk products
 - " Minced meat and meat preparations
 - " Poultry meat and ratite meat
 - " Animal products other than those covered above
- ! Health controls and certification requirements for live animals
 - " Live Cattle and Pigs
 - " Live horses
 - " Live Poultry, live ratites & live birds other than poultry
 - " Live sheep and goats
- ! BSE conditions

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information and other practical information. More information on certification of animal products can be found at <http://www.useu.be/agri/certification.html>. Animal product establishments approved for export to the EU can be found at: <http://www.useu.be/agri/estab.html>. E-mail: AgUSEUBrussels@fas.usda.gov

Related reports from USEU Brussels:

Report Number	Title	Date released
E22091	EU Annual Livestock Report	9/30/2002
E22084	Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards	8/21/2002